OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

WORKING CLASS COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS FOR K. G. F. AREA FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1944.

A Fall of 2 points.

The cost of Living Index Number for Kolar Gold Field area for January 1944, works out to 192·8 which is lower by 2·0 points than the Index for the previous month.

As compared with the previous month the Food Index decreased by 7·7 points to 210·2 due to a fall in the prices of bengalgram, dhal, avare dhal, greengram, coffee seeds, fish, ghee, gingelly oil, groundnut oil, tamarind and garlic. The Index Number of the fuel and lighting group increased by 2·2 points to 187·9 due to a rise in the prices of firewood. Due to a rise in the prices of all the articless of clothing except that of sarees the Index Number of its group rose up to 200·6 points showing an increase of 36·2 points above the figure for December 1943. The Index Numbers of the House Rent and Miscellaneous groups remained constant.

Working class cost of Living Index for Kolar Gold Field area.—January 1944. (Average prices from July 1935 to June 1936.—100).

Articles	Unit of quantity	Weights proportional to total expenditure	Average price per unit of quantity: Year ended June 1936	Dec. 1943	Jan. 1943	Index Numbers: Dec. 1943	Jan. 1943
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Food—		3·5	0 2 0	0 4 7	0 4 7	229	229
Raw Rice ...	Seer	36·9	0 2 1	0 4 7	0 4 7	220	220
Boiled Rice ...	,,	11·1	0 0 11	0 2 4	0 2 4	254	254
Ragi ...	,,	0·4	0 2 11	0 8 10	0 8 6	303	291
Blackgram Dhal ...	,,	4·2	0 2 8	0 7 6	0 7 5	281	278
Tur Dhal ...	,,	0·8	0 1 11	0 9 2	0 8 3	478	434
Bengalgram Dhal ...	,,	0·6	0 2 1	0 7 2	0 6 2	344	296
Avare Dhal ...	,,	0·6	0 1 11	0 6 9	0 6 4	352	330
Greengram ...	,,	0·5	0 1 4	0 2 0	0 2 1	150	156
Sugar ...	,,	2·8	0 3 3	0 6 3	0 6 3	192	192
Jaggery ...	Viss	1·8	0 4 0	0 11 6	0 11 3	287	281
Coffee seeds ...	Seer	2·1	0 3 6	0 5 1	0 4 5	145	126
Fish ...	,,	9·0	0 8 0	0 14 6	0 13 11	175	174
Meat ...	,,	2·8	0 3 3	0 4 0	0 4 0	123	123
Milk ...	,,	0·6	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 2 0	100	100
Curds ...	,,	0·8	0 1 4	0 5 8	0 8 5	425	631
Onions ...	Viss	1·1	0 6 0	0 9 8	0 9 4	161	155
Ghee ...	Seer	3·2	0 2 0	0 5 2	0 4 10	258	242
Gingelly oil ...	,,	0·8	0 1 2	0 1 5	0 1 4	128	114
Cocoanut ...	Each	0·6	0 1 7	0 4 2	0 3 11	263	247
Groundnut oil ...	Seer	1·3	0 1 2	0 2 0	0 2 0	171	171
Salt ...	,,	4·0	0 7 8	1 5 3	1 6 10	277	298
Chillies ...	Viss	1·4	0 2 7	0 8 11	0 8 5	345	326
Tamarind ...	,,	1·2	0 1 4	0 3 7	0 3 7	269	269
Coriander ...	Seer	0·6	0 1 4	0 2 3	0 2 1	112	104
Garlic ...	,,	0·3	0 1 0	0 1 2	0 1 2	100	100
Soji ...	,,	3·8	0 12 4	0 12 4	0 12 4	100	100
Vegetables ...	,,	3·2	0 12 3	0 12 3	0 12 3	100	100
Ready made coffee ...	,,	100·0	...	...	...	...	...
Total all food ...		...	...	...	...	217·9	210·2
Index Numbers—All food articles		...	...	...	...		
Fuel and Lighting.—							
Firewood ...	Maund	75·1	0 2 0	0 3 8	0 3 9	183	187
Castor Oil ...	Seer	7·8	0 2 3	0 6 0	0 5 9	266	256
Kerosene Oil ...	Bottle	12·1	0 2 3	0 3 7	0 3 7	159	159
Matches ...	Box of 40 sticks	5·0	0 0 3	0 0 5	0 0 5	167	167
Total fuel and lighting ...		100·0	...	...	...	...	...
Index Nos.—Fuel and Lighting ...		...	...	...	...	185·7	187·9

Articles	Unit of quantity	Weights proportional to total expenditure	Average price per unit of quantity: Year ended June 1936	Dec. 1943	Jan. 1943	Index numbers: Dec. 1943	Jan. 1943.
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Clothing—							
Dhoties ...	Pair	9·3	2 1 0	4 7 6	5 7 1	217	274
Cloth for Pyjamas, etc.	Yard	1·7	0 4 4	0 8 7	0 13 2	198	304
Coating	,,	20·4	0 6 5	0 12 1	0 15 2	188	236
Shirting ...	,,	14·7	0 5 0	0 9 7	0 11 2	192	223
Sarees ...	Each	39·4	3 3 0	4 6 6	4 5 11	138	137
Cloth for Jackets, etc.	Yard	14·5	0 5 3	0 7 2	0 13 0	137	248
Total Clothing ...		100·0	...	...	...	...	...
Index Numbers—Clothing ...		...	...	...	...	164·4	200·58
House rent		100·0	0 10 9	0 10 9	0 10 9	...	...
Index Numbers—House rent ...		...	...	...	...	100·0	100·0
Miscellaneous—							
Barber		14·5	0 9 1	0 9 1	0 9 1	100	100
Soap for washing		20·0	0 12 6	0 12 6	0 12 6	100	100
Soapnut powder		5·2	0 3 3	0 3 3	0 3 3	100	100
Supari		14·1	0 8 10	0 8 10	0 8 10	100	100
Beedies		15·7	0 9 10	0 9 10	0 9 10	100	100
Travelling expenses ...		6·7	0 4 2	0 4 2	0 4 2	100	100
Flowers		3·9	0 2 5	0 2 5	0 2 5	100	100
Amusements		8·1	0 5 1	0 5 1	0 5 1	100	100
Charges for grinding ...		6·1	0 3 10	0 3 10	0 3 10	100	100
Bedding and household necessaries.		5·7	0 3 6	0 3 6	0 3 6	100	100
Total ...		100·0	...	...	...	...	...
Index Numbers—Miscellaneous...		...	...	...	...	100	100

Groups	Weights proportional to total expenditure	Group Index Number: Nov. 1943	Dec. 1943
Food	70·9	217·9	210·2
Fuel and Lighting	6·2	185·8	187·9
Clothing	9·1	164·4	200·6
House Rent	2·1	100·0	100·0
Miscellaneous	11·7	100·0	100·0
Total ...	100·0	...	
Cost of Living Index Numbers...	...	194·8	192·8

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